

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-5 and 19-23 without prejudice.

REMARKS

Claims 6-18 are pending in the above-identified divisional application.

Claims 1-5 and 19-23 have been cancelled without prejudice. The subject matter of those claims was prosecuted in the parent application. The specification has been amended to correct the Cross-Reference to Related Application section.

In the parent application, the Examiner restricted the claims into the following Groups: Group I, including claims 1-5 and 19-23 drawn to a filtration cell having membrane, and Group II, including claims 6-18 drawn to a process for transferring fluid to be filtered.

Claims 6-18 represent the non-elected claims from the parent Application No. 09/580,987. Claims 1-5 and 19-23 were prosecuted and allowed in the parent application. No new matter has been added by the above amendments.

Accordingly, entry of the Amendment and an early examination and Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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